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Patent Application No.: 10/172,148

Affidavit

In re the application of:

Louis Tandle et al.

Group Art Unit: 1734

Filed: March 25, 2004

Examiner: James D. Sells

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For: **COMPONENT FEEDER HAVING  
A HIGH DENSITY COVER TAPE  
RESERVOIR**

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**AFFIDAVIT UNDER 37 CFR 1.132**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We, Louis Tandle, Gregory A. Holcomb and John Piccone (collectively "co-inventors"); hereby state:

1. We are co-inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the above-identified patent application.
2. We reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent application, including the claims, as amended in the response filed concurrently herewith.
3. We are, and were at the time of filing the above-identified application, employees of Hover-Davis, Inc.
4. We believe Hover-Davis, Inc. to be wholly owned by Delaware Capital Formation, Inc., the assignee of the above-identified application by assignment executed March 16, 2004, and as recorded at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (Reel/Frame 015145/0763).
5. We believe that the earliest publication of any version of the "Hover-Davis SF01 Series Tape Feeder Operators Guide," ©2003, No. 700D-E02, was less than one year before March 28, 2003, the earliest priority date of the above-

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identified application (Provisional Application No. 60/458,801, filed March 28, 2003).

6. We believe that the relevant portions of the Hover-Davis SF01 Series Tape Feeder Operators Guide originated with or were obtained from the co-inventors, and that the Hover-Davis SF01 Series Tape Feeder Operators Guide discloses subject matter derived from the co-inventors.

We further acknowledge that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true, and all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2005.

Louis Tandle  
Louis Tandle

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF MONROE

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared, Louis Tandle to me known to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument and he acknowledges the same to be his free act and deed.

Cheryl A. Clark  
Notary Public

CHERYL A. CLARK  
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 29 day  
of JUNE, 2005

Gregory A. Holcomb  
Gregory A. Holcomb

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF MONROE

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for  
the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared **Gregory A. Holcomb**, to  
me known to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing  
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 29 day  
of June, 2005

John Piccone  
John Piccone

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF MONROE

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for  
the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared **John Piccone**, to me  
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